THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, that is a larger question. Now what we do is this. We allow a certain number of Higher Elementary Grade teachers and a certain number of Secondary Grade trained teachers to be appointed in an institution. But if there are no vacancies in the category of Secondary Grade trained teachers, even though the persons appointed may be Secondary Grade teachers, they continue to be in the post of the Higher Elementary Grade teacher and get only the lower scale of pay. I do agree that there is a principle involved in the question put by the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, but that will have to be taken up when the larger question of reorganisation is taken up."

9-30 a.m. SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I point out to the Hon. Minister that there has been discrimination not only in respect of teachers but also in respect of the pupils? Certain pupils are getting better and higher trained teachers whereas certain others get only lower trained teachers. Should the Government not take steps to eliminate this discrimination?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If that principle is accepted, then higher grade training should be abolished altogether. That is a matter which is under the consideration of Government."

Malabar Members of the Coir Board.

* 1907 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Malabar Members of the Coir Board constituted by the Central Government recently were nominated on the recommendation or with the knowledge of the State Government; and

(*b*) if so, what their recommendations were and on what basis they were made?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The State Government suggested a panel of names as desired by the Central Government.

" (*b*) As the recommendations were part of official correspondence, they cannot be disclosed."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister be kind enough to give us the names of the Members on the Coir Board as suggested by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that the correspondence cannot be disclosed."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether any Member of the Legislative Assembly or Member of Parliament from Malabar is on the Board and if not why?"

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have no information as to whether any Member of Parliament is on the Board. I know that no Member of the Legislative Assembly is on the Board. As for the question why no Member of the Legislative Assembly or Parliament has been included in the Board, I should say that it is for the Government of India to answer."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how the mere information as to the recommendations of the Government regarding the names of persons to be included in the Board will create a big public commotion? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, it is not merely to avoid commotion that certain correspondence is withheld from disclosure."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to disclose the names of the members of the Board who are functioning now? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Director of Industries, Madras, Sri Abdulla Koya, Sri V. K. Kumaran, Sri C. M. John and Sri Karunakara Menon are the representatives from Madras."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, as a matter of fact, these names were published in the Press and there was also some discussion on the subject. May I know the principle involved in recommending persons to serve on the Board? I do not know why the Government should be so touchy even to disclose the principle involved in this matter."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Government of India do not necessarily and invariably accept all the names suggested by the Madras State Government and in fact they have not accepted all the names suggested by the Madras Government."

Increase of bed-strength in Government hospitals.

* 1908 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government hospitals in the State in which beds were increased in the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the cost on account of such increase; and

(*c*) the number of Government hospitals where beds are to be increased with suitable medical equipments in the year 1955–56 and their estimates?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Fourteen, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 2,22,000 per annum recurring and Rs. 1,68,400 non-recurring.

" (*c*) Fourteen hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,44,600 per annum recurring and Rs. 1,12,100 non-recurring."